

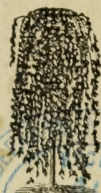
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Weeping Russian Mulberry



BEAUTIFUL,
GRACEFUL,

"Branches hang like a Fountain."

UNIQUE,
HANDSOME FOLIAGE,
PLEASANT FRUIT.

FOR SMALL GROUNDS A GEM.

MAGNIFICENT IN LARGE
LAWNS AND PARKS.

Foremost among
CEMETERY TREES.

—O—
VERY HARDY,
VIGOROUS,
LONG LIVED.

SAFE TO TRANSPLANT.

—ENDURES—

HEAT, COLD, DROUTH.

GROWS WELL IN CITIES.

SUCCEEDS ON THE BLEAK PRAIRIES.

FREE FROM INSECTS.

—O—
A Tree to Respect, Love and Cherish

—FOR ITS—

STERLING MERIT and VALUE.

—O—

Originated and for Sale by

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ENGRAVED FROM PHOTO OF A STANDARD TREE.

After it grew one season, and formed a good head, the wood was cut away for grafts, leaving only spurs, a few inches long. The next summer these spurs made all the branches and foliage shown in the engraving. The head is shown exactly as it grew, without any training, up to late in August, when it was dug, photographed, and sent to the St. Louis Exposition, where it was seen and admired by tens of thousands.



TEAS' WEeping MULBERRY.

Most Graceful of hardy Weeping Trees, and wholly unlike anything heretofore introduced; forming a perfect, umbrella-shaped head, with long, slender, willowy branches, drooping to the ground. These hang like delicate vines from a Hanging Basket, and are swayed by the slightest breath of wind. All who see the tree agree that in light, airy gracefulness, and delicacy of form and motion, it is without a rival.

Beautiful Foliage—rather small, handsomely cut, or divided into lobes, and of a delightful, fresh-looking, glossy green. In Autumn many of the leaves are bordered with yellow, producing a very novel and pleasing effect.

No Formality or stiffness as in the well-known Kilmarnock Willow; and its lithe form and easy curves are the very opposite of the irregular and grotesque habit of the Weeping Mt. Ash, Weeping Ash, Elms, etc.

Being a True Russian Mulberry, it possesses the wonderfully vigorous, healthy growth for which that species is so noted; is free from disease and insects, and it is one of the hardiest of trees, enduring, unharmed, not only the severe cold of the North, *but the far more destructive HEAT and DROUTH of the South and Southwest.*

It is a Long-Lived Tree, flourishing in any soil or situation, wet or dry, and will be found particularly valuable in the Western and Southwestern states, where the Kilmarnock and other popular weeping trees utterly fail.

Transplants Safely. It is one of the most successful trees to transplant. It has a very strong hold on life, and will endure exposure and hard treatment that would kill almost anything but Catalpa or Osage Orange.

Magnificent—Rapid in growth and abundant in foliage, each branch adds to the formation of a finely rounded, symmetrical head, making a most magnificent little tree. It is especially desirable for ornamenting small grounds where trees of large size could not be used, and is no less appropriate in Parks and other extensive places.

For Cemetery Planting it is admirable. Indeed, here is a field where it stands without a rival, filling a long-felt want. A PERFECT GEM in size, style and exquisite form, together with all the hardiness, vigor and endurance that can be found in a tree. Cemetery trees are too often neglected, and usually fail; but here is one peerless in beauty and suitableness, that will be found equal to the situation.

Does Well in Cities, being less affected by smoke and dust than most trees. The leaves are so smooth and glossy that the dust and soot cannot stick to them, as to rougher foliage.

Flourishes on the Bleak Prairies, West and Northwest, and in the hot and dry South and Southwest.

The Original Tree, an accidental seedling in a large lot of Russian Mulberries grown in this Nursery, is now eight years old, and, though always healthy and vigorous, is still less than three feet high, though much spread out on the ground.

The Largest Grafted Trees, now eight to ten feet high, with tops six years old and branches reaching the ground, are the wonder and admiration of all beholders. Every tree maintains, perfectly, all the distinctive characteristics, and shows that with all its wonderful vigor, the Weeping Mulberry does not outgrow its beauty and grace. The longest shoots—many of them five to eight feet long—do not stand out, but fall in with the rest, and lose their individuality in the general mass of foliage.

Some Items of Growth and Hardiness.

The Weeping Mulberry grows freely, grafted or budded on the Russian or other mulberry. Worked standard height, on good stocks, it throws out several branches, forming a fine head IN ONE SEASON, without any care as to training, except it may sometimes be well to nip the points of leading shoots, at 12 to 18 inches, if they do not branch freely.

It is Novel and Attractive, both in leaf and out, and will please purchasers. And being so readily transplanted and easily managed, it will delight them by its further growth and development.

Unlike some other new Weepers, the twigs of the Weeping Mulberry are *tough and strong*—not easily broken, either by the wind or in packing and shipment.


“June Buds” have grown 3 or 4 inches up to 2 or 3 feet, the same season they were set. If the tree was not very hardy these tender young buds would show it. But we have never known one of them to be injured by cold, though many of them passed safely, unprotected, through the following winter, 26 degrees below zero, and made fine heads the next summer.

Buds set in September, on stocks which were transplanted the following spring, while in dormant bud: One bud made 13 branches, with aggregate length of 37 feet; another, 20 branches, with over 60 feet of wood.

Two buds set in Sept., 7 feet high, in a very strong stock, made over forty pendulous shoots which hung around the stem, the tips of several of them reaching the ground. Two were over 9 feet long, three others over 8 feet, etc., etc. In all over 220 feet, all well ripened wood, from two buds in one summer.

Root Grafts, made very late (June 3) of rough pieces not fit for top grafts, made a good growth, many of them having from 30 to 60 branches each, measuring all the way from 3 inches to 3 feet long, yet scarcely a twig in the whole row raised its head 6 inches above the ground, and some of the best trees did not exceed 4 inches in height, spreading on the ground.

Thoroughly Tested;

Here for eight years, and later, by hundreds, in nearly or quite all the different states, as well as in several foreign countries. We append a few of the many flattering words received from those to whom we have sent the trees. From all that we have sent out, not one word of dissatisfaction with the tree has reached us.  See last page.

Comments from Purchasers.

Hon. I. D. G. Nelson, Pres. Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind., ex-Pres. Ind. State Horticultural Society, etc.: "I am much pleased with one year's experience with *Teas' Weeping Russian Mulberry*, in Lindenwood Cemetery. Notwithstanding we have had an exceedingly dry summer, it made a fine growth of wood, and a fair crop of fruit, which astonished us very much. It gives great promise of success in being more than was guaranteed by the discoverer and introducer."

Luther Burbank, Santa Rosa, Cal.: "Your *Weeping Mulberry* thrives well here; stands the sun well; maintains its strong weeping character, and makes all the growth anyone could wish."

F. Lionberger, Hugo, Mo.: "More than pleased with it. Certainly the finest weeping tree I have ever seen."

C. S. Harrison, Franklin, Neb.: "The **PRINCE OF WEEPERS**, and will grow anywhere."

Michel Plant and Seed Co., Florists, St. Louis: "Perfectly satisfactory. The large plants are beauties."

Nichols & Lorton, Davenport, Iowa: "No doubt about the tree being a good thing, and has come to stay."

Dr. Chas. Mohr, Mobile, Ala.: "*Weeping Mulberry* arrived in fine condition. Certainly a most curious and attractive form, that cannot fail to be admired by every beholder."

Wm. Henry Maule, Seedsman, Philadelphia: "Your *Weeping Mulberry* has proven quite satisfactory."

F. K. Phoenix, Delavan, Wis., founder and for many years proprietor of the great Blooming (Ill.) Nurseries: "Beautiful Weeper."

John H. Doswell, Fort Wayne, Ind.: "The trees came through all right and in good condition. They are very fine. The one you sent last spring did nicely and bore fruit."

Prof. Thos. Meehan, Germantown, Philadelphia: "We think it a very pretty tree."

Andrew S. Fuller, the well-known Horticulturist, Agricultural Editor N. Y., *Sun*, and author of several works on Trees, etc., after growing it for two years, says: "Your *Weeping Mulberry* is one of the very best small, pendulous-branched trees we possess; and as it becomes better known, the better will it be appreciated."

F. L. Temple, Shady Hill Nursery, near Boston, Mass.: "Your *Weeping Mulberry* trees did splendidly."

E. W. Benedix, Valley Falls, Kan.: "Very much pleased with the care you took in digging and packing. The roots were all saved, to the smallest fibre, and packed so well that they came in perfect condition."

Transton Bros., Nurserymen, Orleans, France, got one of the first trees sent out and say: "We have been very satisfied with that *Weeping Mulberry*. They hang very well, and we have no doubt shall prove quite a new ornamental plant."

Sam'l Miller, Bluffton, Mo., Hort. Ed. Colman's *Rural World*: "Among recently introduced ornamental trees none pleases me better than *Teas' Weeping Mulberry*. We set grafts ten feet from the ground in a White Mulberry tree, and the second year the tips reached the ground, drooping around the stem like a fountain. It is a splendid thing, and I have given it a favorable notice in several journals."

C. L. Sutton, Washington, Ark.: "I took special care in planting my *Weeping Mulberry*, and it made an excellent growth, some of the branches reaching the ground the first season. It is a beauty, and admired by all who see it."

In the "Tree Grower" (March, 1890), Marinette, Wis., a Nebraska correspondent says: "There is but one Weeper that is a success in these bleak prairies, with their fickle climate, and that is the *Weeping Russian Mulberry*. It is a strong grower, perfectly hardy, and gives as graceful a head as the Kilmarnock. Mr. Teas deserves the thanks of the West and Northwest for this find. There are many parts of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, &c., where no other tree of pendulous habit will grow. I notice they are also being widely distributed through the East, where they are giving good satisfaction."

John G. Heintz, Florist, Terre Haute, Ind.: "The *Weeping Mulberry* I consider one of the few bonanzas a nurseryman will strike in a life time; and I hope you will get the full benefit of its great commercial worth. I am out of the tree business now, but I bought a dozen or two from your brother, E. Y. I could not help buying a few just to put them in good hands."